

St Mary's School, Mosgiel Newsletter



Mission Statement—St Mary's is a Catholic School dedicated to the provision of the highest quality primary education with a special emphasis of Catholic values and attitudes.

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Term 3 Week 4

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Dear Parents, Caregivers and Friends of St Mary's School,

Welcome back to week four and what a special week this week promises to be with St Mary's making it's first appearance on 'Stars on Stage' since 2003. I have had a sneak preview of our school performance and it is stunning.

I wish to thank here all of the people who have been involved in making it happen, especially Miss Victoria Cooper for the hours of work and effort above and beyond that she has put in, also for the energy and enthusiasm that she has brought to our item. It is easy to see that all of the participants are having fun and that is what makes it such a success.

I would also like to congratulate the pupils from our school who have achieved representative honours for this year. The demands on young people to achieve in sport has increased exponentially over the last decade. In the 'old days' I played for the Otago Primary Rugby team and we had one game a season, I think that I would have played a total of about eight or nine games in a year. Consider how many games children play now days, and they often play a number of sports.

I am a great advocate for sport but I think we need to ensure a balance or we will finish up with pupils of late primary school or early secondary age 'burning out' from too much competitive sport. How much is too much? That is the 30 billion dollar question? But I think one aspect of the answer is in the first part of my writing, enjoyment. If the child is enjoying the sport it isn't too much, if they are asking not to attend a game or a practice then maybe it is.

**Have a great week,
Mike Brosnahan**

The Room 7 Sausage Sizzle for Camp has been a big hit in the cold weather. Thank you for all your support.



Whanau Time on Friday



Our Vision : Confident, reflective, risk-taking, lifelong learners in a Catholic School.

Uniform

Please remember that we at St Mary's have a uniform that we are very proud of.

I have noticed recently a few occurrences of people not sticking to our uniform policy so please:

No wearing long sleeved poly propylene tops under short sleeved school tops.

No jewellery except watches and small stud earrings in the ears only.

Only dark blue, black or maroon hair ties.

Strictly black or brown **leather** school shoes.

Hockey

Reminder: Please remember to return your hockey tops this weekend.

A thought for the week...

The really great man is the man who makes every man feel great. G.K. Chesterton

No Monte Carlo lunches this Friday 26th August.

Congratulations

Congratulations to McKenzie family on the birth of their son and brother called Jimmy.



Mufti Day

We are having a mufti day for the Mosgiel Food Bank next Tuesday 30th August.

Please bring along to school a nonperishable food item (ie a packet or can), or a gold coin donation.

Looking Ahead Term 3

August

23rd Stars on Stage—Regent Theatre

24th Parent Meeting for First Eucharist 7pm at the Parish Centre

26th Room 4 Assembly 2.20 in the Hall
-No Monte Carlo shop lunches today

30th Catholic Schools Choir—Regent Theatre
-Tickets are still available from the Regent.

-Mufti Day—bring a food item or a gold coin for the Mosgiel Food Bank.

September

8th Board of Trustees Meeting 7.30pm

15th School Cross Country

PTA News ...

School Fair 6th November, please mark this date on your calendar as we will need lots of helpers on the day!

White Elephant—Elegant Junk!

When you have your spring clean please remember our school fair is coming up and to bring to school any treasures you may have.

- Books: both children's and adults; Kitchen Items, Clothes, Toys, Puzzles and Games all sell really well.

We have lots of space in the room in the hall for storage. See Pauline in the office for a key to the hall.

Craft Stall

We are also having a craft stall this year, so if anyone would like to make some crafty things for this we would be grateful for these items.

The school family ski trip at the weekend

